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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the Year 1972.

To the Chairman and Members of the
BRECKNOCK RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Mr. Chairman, Ladies & Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Report on the sanitary conditions and the state of the Public Health in the Brecknock Rural District during the year 1972.

In this Report I have endeavoured to deal briefly with all matters within my responsibility regarding Public Health and Preventive Medicine, and I have included comments on the subjects specifically requested in Circular 1/73 (Wales) by the Welsh Board of Health.

I wish to tender my thanks to the Members of the Council for their helpful consideration and co-operation in all matters affecting Public Health. Also the Officers of the Council for their help in all matters appertaining to the duties of the Public Health Department.

I am,
Mr. Chairman and Members,
Your Obedient Servant,

J.K. Jones.
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Clerks: Mrs. L. Hicks, and Mrs. E.M.I. Pritchard.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS

Area of District	189,532 acres
Population (estimated) Mid 1972 ...	6,640
Population per acre	0.03
Rateable Value as at 1st April, 1972 ...	£209,551
Number of Live Births	74
Birth Rate per 1000 Inhabitants, crude ...	11.1
Number of Stillbirths	1
Stillbirths Rate per 1000 Births ...	13.0
Number of Deaths	105
Deaths Rate per 1000 Inhabitants, crude ...	15.8
Number of Infant Deaths (under 1 year) ...	1
Infant Mortality Rate per 1000 Live Births ...	14.0
Perinatal Mortality Rate	13.0
Number of Infectious Diseases notified ...	86
Infectious Diseases - Attack Rate per 1000 Inhabitants	13.1

Tuberculosis:

Cases notified ...	0
Attack Rate per 1000 Inhabitants	0
Deaths	0
Death Rate per 1000 Inhabitants	0

STATISTICS OF THE AREA

Population :

Census 1931	...	8302
1951	...	7430
1961	...	8696
Mid-Year Estimate 1972	...	6640

The Registrar General's mid-year estimated population for each of the last ten years are shown below:-

1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972
6950	6970	7010	6980	6930	6950	6930	6860	6580	6640

Acreage	...	...	189,532 acres
Rateable Value as at 1st April, 1972		...	£211,488
Product of a Penny Rate:	Actual	1971/72	£1976 - 48
		1972/73	£2039 - 23
Rate in the Pound :		1971/72	86.50p
		1972/73	86.50p

Water Rate : 10p in the pound with a minimum of 50p per annum.

Total Number of Domestic Dwellings	...	2,424
Number of Council Houses in the Domestic Dwelling Figure		435

BIRTHS

BIRTHS	BRECKNOCK R.D.C.			B.C.C.	National Average
	Male	Female	Total		
Live Births:					
Legitimate	34	37	71	660	
Illegitimate	3	0	3	46	
Total Live Births	37	37	74	706	
Illegitimate Live Births per cent of Total Live Births		4.0		7.0	9.0
Registrar General's Comparability Factor		1.29		1.18	
Live Birth Rate per 1000 Pop.(Crude)		11.1		13.3	
Live Birth Rate per 1000 Pop.(corr.)		14.3		17.7	14.8
Stillbirths:					
Legitimate	0	1	1	7	
Illegitimate	0	0	0	2	
Total Stillbirths	0	1	1	9	
Stillbirth rate per 1000 Live and Stillbirths		13.0		13.0	12.0
Total Live and Stillbirths		75		715	

The corrected Live Birth rate of 14.3 was just below the National average of 14.8 per 1000 population and just below the Local Death Rate of 14.4 per 1000 population.

There was 1 Stillbirth in 1972.

Corrected Live Birth rates for the past five years are shown below:-

	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972
Brecknock R.D.C.	14.2	15.8	15.5	16.5	14.3
National Average	16.9	16.3	16.0	16.0	14.8

DEATHS

Deaths	Brecknock R.D.C.			B.C.C.	National Average
	Male	Female	Total		
Total Deaths (all causes)	70	35	105	778	
Death Rate per 1000 Population (crude)		15.8		14.7	
Registrar General's Comparability Factor		0.91		0.89	
Death Rate per 1000 Population (corr).		14.4		13.1	12.1
CANCER DEATHS					
Cancer Deaths (all forms)	14	7	21	125	
Cancer Death Rate per 1000 Pop.		3.16		2.36	
MATERNAL MORTALITY					
Maternal Deaths (including Abortion)		Nil		Nil	
Maternal Mortality Rate per 1000 Live and Stillbirths		Nil		Nil	

The corrected Local Death Rate of 14.4 was well above the National Average of 12.1 per 1000 population and just above the Local Birth Rate of 14.3 per 1000 population.

The corrected Death rates for the past five years are shown below:-

	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972
BRECKNOCK R.D.C.	9.8	10.8	11.5	9.9	14.4
National Average.	11.9	11.9	11.7	11.6	12.1

DEATHS FROM MALIGNANT NEOPLASMS

There were 11 Cancer Deaths giving a rate per 100,000 of 167 as compared with the County rate of 202. The rates by specific site are shown below:-

Site	Rate per 100,000 Population	National Average 1969
Lungs, Bronchus.	75	61
Stomach	15	26
Intestine	75	33
Oesophagus	0	6
Breast	30	42
Uterus	0	15
Prostate	15	17
Leukaemia	15	6
All others.	90	0

Deaths from Cancer of the Lung, Intestine and for Leukaemia were all above the National Average for 1969.

MATERNAL MORTALITY

There were no deaths from Maternal causes including abortions.

INFANT MORTALITY

DEATHS	BRECKNOCK R.D.C.			B.C.C.	National Average
	Males	Females	Total		
Deaths of Infants under 1 year of Age :					
Legitimate	0	1	1	14	
Illegitimate	0	0	0	0	
Total	0	1	1	14	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1000 Live Births (total)		14.0		20.0	17.0
Legitimate		14.0		21.0	17.0
Illegitimate		0		0	21.0
Neonatal Mortality					
Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of Age :					
Legitimate	0	0	0	10	
Illegitimate	0	0	0	0	
Total :	0	0	0	10	
Neonatal Mortality Rate per 1000 Live Births :			0	14.0	12.0
Early Neonatal Mortality					
Deaths of Infants under 1 week of age :					
Legitimate	0	0	0	9	
Illegitimate	0	0	0	0	
Total	0	0	0	9	
Early Neonatal Mortality Rate per 1000 Live Births			0	13.0	10.0
Perinatal Mortality Rate					
Deaths of Infants under 1 Week of Age plus number of Stillbirths					
Rate oer 1000 Total Live and Stillbirths			13.0	25.0	22.0

There was one Infant Death in 1972, giving an Infant Mortality rate of 14.0 as compared with the National Rate of 17.0 per 1000 Total Live Births.

The Perinatal Mortality Rate was 13.0 as compared with the County Rate of 25.0 per 1000 total births and the National Rate of 22.0.

CAUSE OF INFANT DEATHS

1) Spina Bifida
Hydrocephalus.

CAUSE OF STILLBIRTH

1) Placental Insufficiency
Placental Infarcts.

The Infant Mortality Rates and Perinatal Rates for the past five years are shown below:-

Infant Mortality	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972
BRECKNOCK R.D.C.	0	0	0	23.0	14.0
National Average	18.0	18.0	18.0	18.0	17.0

Perinatal Mortality	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972
BRECKNOCK R.D.C.	24.7	22.0	0	11.0	13.0
National Average	25.0	23.0	23.0	22.0	22.0

CAUSES OF DEATH

	Male	Female	Total
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	1	-	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine	1	4	5
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	5	-	5
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	-	2	2
Nalignant Neoplasm, Prostate	1	-	1
Leukaemia	1	-	1
Other Malignant Neoplasms	5	1	6
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	1	-	1
Hypertensive Disease	2	-	2
Ischaemic Heart Disease	22	17	39
Other Forms of Heart Disease	7	3	10
Cerebrovascular Disease	13	3	16
Other Diseases of the Circulatory System	2	1	3
Influenza	1	-	1
Pneumonia	4	2	6
Bronchitis and Emphysema	1	-	1
Peptic Ulcer	1	-	1
Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System	1	1	2
All Other Accodents	1	1	2
Total all causes :	70	35	105

The main causes of death are shown below and the death rates compared with the National Average for 1969 :-

CRUDE DEATH RATES PER 100,000 FROM CERTAIN CAUSES.

		BRECKNOCK RDC.	National Average 1969
Ischaemic Heart Disease	(1)	587	286
Cerebro-vascular Disease	(3)	241	163
Malignant Neoplasms	(2)	316	238
Pneumonia and Bronchitis	(4)	105	148
All Accidents	(5)	30	48

NUMBER OF DEATHS IN SEX-AGE GROUPS

Ages at Death	Male	Female	Total	Percentage of Total
0 - 1 year	0	1	1	0.1
1 - 4 years	0	0	0	0
5 - 14 years	2	0	2	1.9
15 - 24 years	0	0	0	0
25 - 34 years	0	0	0	0
35 - 44 years	2	0	2	1.9
45 - 54 years	3	2	5	4.8
55 - 64 years	12	6	18	17.2
65 - 74 years	28	8	36	34.3
75 years and over	23	18	41	39.8
Totals:	70	35	105	100.0

74% of the deaths occurred at the age of 65 years and over.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

NOTIFICATIONS

The following cases other than Tuberculosis, were notified during 1972.

Diseases	Number of Cases.
Measles	80
Infectious Hepatitis	2
Whooping Cough	2
Meningitis	1

TUBERCULOSIS

Cases on Register at 1st January, 1972	...	8
New Notifications during 1972	...	0
Removals during 1972	...	2
Cases on Register at 31st December, 1972	...	6

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936. S.172

No action was taken under this section which deals with the removal to Hospital by the Local Authority of infectious persons suffering from Tuberculosis of the Respiratory tract.

PUBLIC HEALTH(PREVENTION OF TUBERCULOSIS)REGULATIONS

No action was taken under these regulations in respect of persons suffering from Tuberculosis, employed in the Milk Trade.

B.C.G. VACCINATION AND TUBERCULIN SERIAL TESTING OF CHILDREN.

This is carried out by the Medical Staff of the County Health Department.

FOOD POISONING

There were no cases of Food Poisoning during the year.

DYSENTERY

There were no cases of dysentery during the year.

TYPHOID AND PARATYPHOID

No cases of Typhoid or Paratyphoid were notified during the year.

VENEREAL DISEASES

There were no cases notified during the year.

The County Council has an agreement with the Regional Hospital Board for the treatment of these cases. There are no treatment centres in the area and patients attend at Swansea Mount Pleasant Hospital,Hereford County Hospital, Royal Gwent Hospital, and Moira Terrace, Cardiff.

The tracing of contacts and the following up of defaulters is the responsibility of the County Council.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948,S.47

No action was taken by the Council under S.47 of the above Act which provides for the removal to suitable premises of persons who :-

(a) are suffering from grave chronic disease, or being aged, or physically incapacitated, or living in insanitary conditions,

and

(b) are unable to devote to themselves, and are not receiving from other persons, proper care and attention.

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICE

Public Health Officers

Mr. William J. Rees remained as the Chief Public Health Inspector, and Mr. A. Taylor as the Public Health Inspector.

LABORATORY FACILITIES

During the year fcailities were available at the Public Health Laboratories at Carmarthen, Newport, Swansea and Aberystwyth.

Water samples were sent to the Public Health Laboratories at Cardiff and Carmarthen, as were all Milk Samples.

Any investigations required in the control of infectious diseases were carried out at the Public Health Laboratory at Cardiff.

COUNTY COUNCIL SERVICES

HEALTH SERVICES

The County Council are responsible for the following services in the Area:-

1. Provision of Health Centres.
2. Care of Mothers and Young Children.
3. Midwifery Services.
4. Health Visiting and Health Education.
5. Home Nursing.
6. Vaccination and Immunisation.
7. Ambulance and Sitting Car Services.
8. Prevention of Illness, Care and After-care.
9. Domestic Help Service.

The following Clinics are held in the Area:-

Immunisation against Diphtheria, Tetanus, Whooping Cough, Poliomyelitis and Measles.

Relaxation Clinics for Expectant Mothers and Children.

Supply of Welfare Foods.

Orthopaedic Clinics.

Chiropody Clinics.

Cervical Cytology Clinics.

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Psychiatric Social Worker

Miss Gwen Morgan remained as the Psychiatric Social Worker for the Area.

Mental Welfare Officer

Mr. K.H.A. Phillips has remained as the Mental Welfare Officer for the Area.

SOCIAL SERVICES

The County Council is responsible for the following services in the Area:-

1. Provision of Homes for the Aged.
2. Provision of Temporary Accommodation.
3. Registration and Provision of Services for Handicapped Persons.
4. Contributions to Old People's Organisations.
5. Temporary Protection of Property.
6. Meals on Wheels Service.
7. Provision of Grants towards Special Housing for the Elderly.
8. Welfare of the Blind and Partially Sighted.
9. Welfare for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

HOSPITALS

Hospital Facilities are available at the Brecon Memorial Hospital and the Cardiff and Swansea Hospitals.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES HOSPITAL

Cases are admitted to the Mardy Isolation Hospital, Merthyr Tydfil, and the Hill House Hospital, Swansea.

SMALLPOX HOSPITALS

Arrangements have been made for Smallpox cases to be admitted to St. Mary's Hospital, Penarth, and for Consultants to be called in to suspected cases.

On diagnosing a case the Consultant will be responsible for arranging for St. Mary's Hospital to be ready and staffed to receive the patient. The patient will be removed by County Council under their Ambulance scheme made under S.27 of the National Health Service Act, 1946.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES

WATER SUPPLIES

The water in the district is supplied by the South-East Breconshire Water Board. In addition, a small number of premises receive piped supplies from private sources.

No extension or renewal of distribution mains were necessary in the area. Extension of service mains were carried out on Housing Estates to provide for further development.

On the 31st December, 1972, it was estimated that, of the estimated population of 6640, 83% were receiving a piped supply from the South-East Breconshire Water Board and 10% from private sources of supply giving a total of 93% of the dwellings in the district receiving a piped supply.

Sampling.

Samples of water are taken from private supplies by the Authority prior to the installation of private pipes supplies, inspections are made, and advice given on remedial measures necessary for the improvement of these supplies.

Number of inspections made ...	49
Number of satisfactory samples taken	20
Number of unsatisfactory samples taken.	25
Number of doubtful samples taken ...	4

Routine sampling for chemical analysis is carried out by the South-East Breconshire Water Board at their treatment Works at Portis and chlorine samples are taken daily

Flouride Content

The Board's supply is not subjected to flouridation. Samples of water are taken for examination for the presente of flouride parts at the Portis Treatment Works indicate that the natural content is 0.036 parts per million.

METEOROLOGY

The following data concerning meteorology for 1971 (with comparative figures for the previous year) has been kindly supplied by the Usk River Authority and was recorded at the Brecon Beacons Mountain Centre.

Month	Year 1971 Rainfall (ins)	Year 1972 Rainfall (ins)
January	246.1	158.5
February	62.9	170.8
March	77.5	111.2
April	48.1	117.1
May	78.3	153.0
June	116.2	86.8
July	33.1	47.9
August	131.0	59.9
September	23.3	64.1
October	136.1	69.0
November	108.5	178.8
December	69.7	271.5
	1130.8	1488.6

The long term average is 1.445 mm. The heaviest daily rainfall in 1972 was 55.0 mm. recorded on 15th February, 1972.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

The arrangements for sewerage disposal in the Rural Area are good.

No difficulty has been experienced in persuading owners of properties to connect their properties to the Council's sewers.

During the year 15 properties were connected to the public sewer.

These additional figures brought the total at the end of the year to 812.

Number of visits made by Public Health Inspectors to Sewage Works - 17.

Samples of Effluent

Samples are periodically taken by the Usk, Wye and West Wales River Authorities.

Septic Tank Emptying Service

The Council own one Shelvoke & Drewry 1600 gallon capacity Cesspool Emptying Machine and one Fulvac 460 gallon power operated trailer pump.

These vehicles provide a very efficient septic tank emptying service. All tanks are emptied, the contents of which are discharged either on to the Council's Refuse disposal sites or on to fields when the weather permits. No charge is made for up to two emptyings a year. Only in exceptional cases has it been found necessary to empty more than one a year.

As properties are being improved and modern sanitation provided in the more isolated areas, increased demands are being made for this service.

Work was commenced on 2nd October, 1972 on a joint sewerage and sewage disposal scheme by the Breconshire County Council and the District Council at Libanus to serve the Mountain Centre and the village of Libanus. The contract period provided for the scheme being completed in August, 1973.

Visitors to the Centre are as follows:

1968	...	147,496
1969	...	170,820
1970	...	190,400
1971	...	202,220
1972	...	182,473

Vehicles and Maintenance

Most of the maintenance and repair work to the Council's smaller vehicles is carried out at the Council's Depot at the rear of Oxford House. Working conditions provided for the workmen are good. The Breconshire County Council's Maintenance Staff maintain the two refuse vehicles and Cesspool Emptying Machine by arrangement.

Establishment

The 1972 establishment for Public Health and Surveyor's Department was as follows:-

1 General Foreman - part-time (shared with other duties)
2 Refuse Drivers/Loaders
3 Refuse Drivers
1 Cesspool Emptying Machine Driver
1 Sewage Plant Operator
1 Sewage Plant Operator's Mate
1 Rodent Operative
1 General Labourer
1 Cesspool Emptying Machine Driver's Mate

Total 12

Public Conveniences

There were five public conveniences in use during 1972, at Trecastle, Sennybridge, Storey Arms, Talybont and Llangorse. A new convenience has been erected at Llanfrynach and another convenience at Llangorse.

Whilst damage occurs from time to time to the properties, the considerable vandalism which is experienced in many parts of the country it is pleasing to note does not take place to your properties.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

The Refuse collection service is carried out by the Council's workmen under the supervision of the Chief Public Health Inspector/Surveyor. Refuse is collected once weekly throughout the whole area. The Council maintain two dustless rear loading vehicles.

All litter is removed as frequently as is found necessary from the various County Council Lay-bys and the cost incurred in connection therewith is reimbursed by that Authority.

Refuse is disposed of by controlled tipping at Trecastle, and Llanfihangel-Talyllyn. The provision of new disposal sites continues to create problems and new sites are continually being looked for. An agreement has been made with the Borough Council for the provision of a joint site in the Borough.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

The sanitary inspection of the area was undertaken by Mr. W.J. Rees, Chief Public Health Inspector and Mr. R. Taylor, Public Health Inspector.

Nuisances

Number of complaints received	...	275
Number of complaints investigated	...	275
Number of premises re-visited	...	14
Number of preliminary Notices served	...	-
for (a) structural defects	...	2
(b) sanitary defects	...	-
Number of informal notices served	...	2

Verminous Premises (excluding Rats and Mice)

Number of Premises inspected	...	-

Offensive Trades

There are no offensive trades in the district.

Common Lodging Houses

There are no common lodging houses in the district.

Licensed Premises

There are 27 licensed premises in the district.

Number of visits to such premises	...	27
Number of Notices served	...	-

All premises are now provided with hot and cold water facilities in the bar and both male and female sanitary accommodation.

CARAVAN SITES

There are four recognised holiday caravan sites in the district of Llangorse, Llangasty and one residential site at Sennybridge. No new sites were approved during the year.

The Caravan Club Association has issued a number of exemption Certificates for the siting of caravans by the members on sites in the District, and control 1 at Aberbran.

RODENT OPERATOR

The Rodent Operator works under the supervision of the Chief Public Health Inspector:-

Number of Premises inspected	...	89
Number of premises found infested	...	89
Number of premises treated by Rodent Operator		89
Number of premises treated by occupier..		17

Sewers in the neighbourhood of infested houses were treated during the year.

The work of rodent destruction on farms in the rural district is the responsibility of the Council. They are classified as business premises and a charge is made for their treatment. Either a contract for 12 months can be made at a charge of £5 or otherwise a charge is made for labour, travelling and materials used.

Poison bait is now issued free for use by occupiers of all dwellings.

HOUSING

On completion of the Rural Housing Survey in 1954, it was evident after examining the summary of categorisation that a realistic housing problem existed within the district. Since the introduction of the Slum Clearance Programme in 1954 the Council has been actively engaged in tackling the problem either :-

(a) By official representations under the Housing Acts 1936 and 1957.

(b) By encouraging owners to carry out necessary repairs and improvement work to sub-standard properties if it was deemed that these properties could be brought up to a standard at a realistic cost.

In the case of (a) it is gratifying to note that a considerable number of properties - even though formally represented have been converted, improved and repaired to provide adequate housing accommodation of the required standard.

No action was taken under the Rents Act of 1957 and 1968, as no application for Certificates or cancellation of Certificates were received.

Number of Houses built by the Council during the year	- None
Number of houses built by private enterprise during the year	- None
Number of inspections made under the Housing Act	- 47
Number of houses in course of erection by the Council	- None
Number of Notices served	- None

HOUSING GRANTS

Discretionary Grants

45 Applications were received in respect of 45 properties, all of which were approved. 1 Grant has been withdrawn.

Total amount of Grant authorised ... £92,187. 00

Standard Grants

19 Applications were received in respect of 19 properties and were approved.

Improvement Grants

To date 352 discretionary grant schemes have been approved, of this figure 299 have been completed, 42 were underway, and 10 were nearing completion.

Standard Grants

Although understandably, not quite as popular as discretionary grants, many property owners who perhaps could not afford to do all the work laid down in the discretionary grant twelve point standard, have continued to resort to standard grant schemes. To date 183 of these schemes have been considered and approved, 153 have been completed.

Owners to whom standard grants have been paid can, if they so wish, submit a further scheme for a discretionary grant at a later date. Accordingly, if an owner wishes to tackle a project in two stages, he could start with a Standard Grant and finish with a Discretionary Grant.

HOUSING ACT, 1967 and 1961

The district is being inspected regularly and when the occasion necessitates representation is made to the Council with a view to:-

(a) Serving of Notices requiring the execution of works, or
(b) the making of demolition or closing orders.

Demolition Orders served	...	0
Undertakings accepted	...	0
Properties demolished	...	0
Closing Orders served	...	0
Properties closed	...	0

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

As in the case of factories, the Act does not apply to premises where only self-employed persons work, nor where the number of houss worked by an employee amounts to 21 hours a week or less. This is to exclude the small shop or office where help is only occasional.

Number of inspections by Public Health Inspector ... 29

Appropriate action was taken to see that the requirements of the Act are complied with.

Analysis of persons employed in Registered Premises :-

Class of Workshop		No. of Persons employed
Offices	...	2
Retail Shops	...	2
Wholesale Depts., Warehouses	...	-
Catering Establishments open to Public, Canteens.	...	39
Fuel Storage Depots	...	-
	Total :	43

Total Males : 10 Total Females : 33

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

MEAT

Number of registered slaughterhouses in the district ... 1
Number of inspections at the slaughterhouse ... 3
Number of animals inspected :

Cattle ...	7	Sheep ...	5
Calves ...	0	Pigs ...	0

Carcases and offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part:-

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Numbers killed and inspected	7	0	5	0	0
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticercosis					
Whole carcases condemned	0	0	0	0	0
Carcases in which some organ or part was condemned	1	0	0	0	0
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than T.B. and Cysticercosis	0	0	0	0	0
Tuberculosis only					
Whole Carcases condemned	0	0	0	0	0
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	0	0	0	0	0
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis.	0	0	0	0	0
Cysticercosis					
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	0	0	0	0	0
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	0	0	0	0	0
Generalised and totally condemned	0	0	0	0	0

FOOD CONDEMNED

As there were no facilities at the slaughterhouse at Llangorse for sterilisation of condemned meat in accordance with the regulations all such meat is removed by the Inspectors and buried in one of the Council's refuse disposal tips after suitable staining.

MILK

The responsibility for registering dealers and taking milk samples is the County Council and is under the supervision and control of Mr. F. E. Bastin. the Chief Inspector of Weights and Measures.

There is very close liason between the Chief Inspector of Weights and Measures, the District Medical Officer of Health and the Ministry Veterinary Surgeons.

Milk Samples - Brucella Abortus

Number of samples of raw milk examined	...	55
Number of positive ring tests	...	0
Number of animal inoculations	...	0
Number positive	...	0

FOOD PREMISES

The number of food premises by type are shown below:-

Licensed premises	...	27
Cafes	...	6
Fish and Chip Shops	...	1
Butchers	...	2
Grocers and General Stores	...	13

In the whole it can be said that the general standard of hygiene was satisfactory. On no occasion was it necessary to serve a notice on any person engaged in the food trade.

There was no educational activity in connection with food in the district during the year, as the number of persons engaged in the food trade was not very great. As usual in the normal course of their duties, the Public Health Inspectors, in their discussions with persons in the food trade, emphasised the importance of the need for the highest standards of hygiene in the preparation and sale of foodstuffs to the public.

School Canteens

Visits are made and inspections made of the school canteens in the district. The attention of the Education Committee and the Schools Organiser is drawn to the Food Hygiene Regulations.

The following table sets out the number of food premises in the district which are inspected:-

	No. of Prems.	Complying with Reg.16.	Premises to which Reg.19 applies.	Premises complying with Reg. 19.
Cafes	6	3	6	6
Bakehouses	0	0	0	0
Butchers Shops	2	1	2	2
Fishmongers/Fish and Chip Shops	1	0	1	1
Food Factories	0	0	0	0
Grocers Shops & Other Foods	13	0	0	0
Greengrocers	0	0	0	0
Licensed Premises	27	0	27	27
Total :	49	4	36	36

Note: Regulation 16 refers to the provision of wash-hand basins and Regulation 19 to the provision of sinks together with the provision of hot and cold water for the equipment.

As most of the businesses are family ones, access to wash-hand basins and sinks on the premises in their own private quarters is convenient and adequate.

FOOD CONDEMNED

Foodstuffs (other than meat) condemned during the year ... Nil.

SHOPS ACT

Number of inspections by Public Health Inspector ... 27
Number of Notices served ... Nil

FOOD PREPARATION ROOMS(INCLUDING BAKEHOUSES)

Number of inspections made ... 25
Number of Notices served ... Nil

ICE-CREAM PREMISES

Number of premises registered for sale of ice-cream ... 32
Number of inspections made ... 32
Number of samples taken for bacteriological examination ... 19
Number of samples satisfactory ... 19
Number of samples unsatisfactory ... -

FRIED FISH SHOPS

There is only one fish and chip shop in the district.

Number of inspections made ... 9

POULTRY INSPECTION

There are no premises where poultry processing is carried out on a large scale.

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

PRESCRIBED PARTICULARS ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE FACTORIES ACT, 1961

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health(including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors.

PREMISES (1)	No. on Register (2)	No. of Inspections (3)	No. of Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
(1) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4,6 are enforced by Local Authorities	5	3	0	0
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which Sec.7 is enforced by the Local Authority	17	16	0	0
(3) Other premises in which Sec.7 is enforced by the Local Authority (Excluding out-workers premises)	0	0	0	0
TOTAL :	22	19	0	0

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found. (If defects are found at the premises on two, three or more occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more cases.)

PARTICULARS	Number of cases in which defects were				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred To H.M. Inspector	Referred By H.M. Inspector	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Want of Cleanliness (S.1)	0	0	0	0	0
Overcrowding (S.2)	0	0	0	0	0
Unreasonable Temp: (S.3)	0	0	0	0	0
Inadequate Ventilation (S.4)	0	0	0	0	0
Ineffective Drainage of floors (S.6)	0	0	0	0	0
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)	0	0	0	0	0
(a) Insufficient	0	0	0	0	0
(b) Unsuitable/defective	0	0	0	0	0
(c) Not suitable for sexes	0	0	0	0	0
Other Offences against the Act (not including offences relating to out-work)	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL :	0	0	0	0	0

There was no out-work done in the district during the year.